



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: October 17, 2002

To: Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: East Calhoun Neighborhood Bicycle Racks

Recommendation

Amending the 2002 Capital Improvement appropriation resolution for the PW-Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9470) by \$13,500 and increasing (4100-943-9470) the revenue source 3845 by \$13,500 to be reimbursed by NRP.

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Approved by: Brian Lokkesmoe, Interim Director of Public Works

By: Gregory A. Finstad _____
Director of Transportation and Parking Services

Presenters in Committee: Donald Pflaum

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

This is a cooperative project between the City of Minneapolis Public Works, ECCO, and the Uptown Association. There is a need for additional bicycle parking in the Uptown area based on staff observations, uptown business requests for bicycle parking, and complaints from bicyclists that shop in the Uptown area that there is not enough bicycle parking close to their destinations.

NRP Project Scope of Services and Budget:**SECTION 1: ECCO NRP Action Plan Language****Environment Proposal****Objective 4:**

- Improve the air quality in East Calhoun by promoting non-polluting forms of transportation.

Strategy 1:

- Support efforts to improve bicycle access within East Calhoun and to other area of the city by adding bike lanes, bike racks, and other bike friendly improvements.

SECTION 2: Program Overview

Though Environment Committee (“Committee”) studies and priorities and with ECCO Board of Director support the ECCO bicycle improvement program will encourage bicycling and non-polluting forms of transportation in ECCO and surrounding area in two ways. To achieve this objective this program will begin a comprehensive bicycle parking infrastructure improvement project for the Uptown Business District.

This program will provide fifty (50) bicycle “hitches” on the public right-of-ways of West Lake Street between South James Avenue and South Emerson Avenue and on Hennepin Avenue between the 29th Street Bridge and West 31st Street and at 34th Street. They will be placed between the existing parking meters in an even distribution in the designated area. Each hitch can accommodate two bicycles.

The concept gives bicycles year-round parking options. The decentralized parking options give bicyclist the ability to park next to the business they wish to shop. This plan will not remove parking or obstruct traffic with barrier like existing temporary parking area. The hitch may be unlocked and removed from the mounting “collar” embedded in the concrete sidewalk, so to minimize the interference with the Uptown Art Fair.

ECCO will work with the Coalition, the Uptown Business Association, Minneapolis Public Works (Public Works”) and the surrounding neighborhoods during this project.

SECTION 3: Specific Task

Public Works will:

- Conduct an area study of the Uptown Area as defined in Section 2 for placement and feasibility for fifty bicycle hitches at no cost to the ECCO neighborhood.
- Act as the purchasing agent for the bicycle hitches and mounting collars.
- Assist the ECCO in the selection of hitch design.
- Identify and communicate to the Committee any ordinance, law, or rule that pertains to the installation of bicycle hitches in the City of Minneapolis.

East Calhoun Community Organization will:

- Work with Public Works through the Committee to identify desired designs for bicycle hitches.
- Assist Public Works with final placement decisions.
- Assist Public Works in the adherence of any ordinance, law, or rule that pertains to the installation of bicycle hitches in the City of Minneapolis

SECTION 4: Financial

Bicycle Parking-

50 Bicycle Hitches at \$125.00/unit	\$6,250.00
50 Hitch Collars with locking mechanism at \$145.00/unit	\$7,250.00

GRAND TOTAL (This includes labor and installation) **\$13,500.00**

SECTION 5: Remaining Funding

In the event that the cost of bicycle hitches and mounting collars do not equal the amount in Section 4 Public Works will amend the contract with the ECCO NRP to indicate the correct amount no later than thirty (30) days after purchase of bicycle hitches and mounting collars.

Financial Impact:

Capital costs for design and construction are being paid through ECCO NRP funds. The city will own and maintain the bicycle racks and will take on liability associated with the bicycle racks. The bicycle racks will be removed by the city once they need to be replaced. Discussions between the neighborhood and Public Works will take place at that time to discuss replacement bicycle parking.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve project design and authorize construction. Amending the 2002 Capital Improvement appropriation resolution for the PW-Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9470) by \$13,500 and increasing (4100-943-9470) the revenue source 3845 by \$13,500 to be reimbursed by NRP.

